



# **Monthly NEWS**

**To: The Australian Honey Industry**

**From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director**

## **September 2017**

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to AHBIC are GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

AHBIC acknowledges the **beekeeper suppliers** who contribute via their packer/queen bee supplier to AHBIC.

We urge beekeepers to support those Packers/Queen Bee Breeders who contribute to AHBIC.

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?  
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

**The following list recognises contributions received since 1 October 2016**

*There are a few other contributors – some wishing to remain anonymous and some not indicating their wishes*

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Anderson, Cedar  
Australian Organic Honey Company  
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Bayside Beekeepers Association  
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Blue Hills Honey  
Bliss, Stephen  
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Capilano Honey Ltd  
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Cooper, Casey  
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Ruge Honey  
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## BEES AND BEE PRODUCTS INTO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Please be aware that under Western Australia's Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAMA) the importation of ANY bees or used beekeeping equipment into Western Australia from interstate is prohibited.

Honey is a restricted product as are other bee products (i.e. wax, pollen, royal jelly, etc.) that can only be brought into Western Australia under strict quarantine conditions (this includes products that contain bee products as an ingredient).

It is extremely important that you do not threaten Western Australia's biosecurity status by undertaking transactions that could put our bee populations at risk by introducing exotic bee pests and disease to the state.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Agriculture and Food enforces BAMA and requests that you please check for any restrictions that may apply before importing bee products into Western Australia to avoid your merchandise being confiscated, the imposition of a costly fine and/or prosecution.

If you happen to be online and notice that there is no restrictions advertised from an interstate (or overseas seller) regarding bee related products please advise a DPIRD Apiary Officer ([PBHoney@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:PBHoney@dpiird.wa.gov.au)) or a BICWA member ([bicwa@inet.net.au](mailto:bicwa@inet.net.au)) IMMEDIATELY

## NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY RESULTS 2016-17

Results are in for the 2016-17 National Residue Survey. I am pleased to report that we gained 100% pass rate with no breaches detected. Congratulations to our industry for such a pleasing result.

**News**

TASMANIAN COUNTRY



# Honey claims a sweet gong

**ROGER HANSON**

A TASMANIAN honey producer has been left buzzing after taking home the champion trophy for best exhibit at the Australian Food Awards last week.

Lindsay and Yeonsoon Bourke, who run Australian Honey Products based in Launceston, were delighted to win the champion Australian product trophy across all award categories for their Sheffield Honey Farm Leatherwood honey.

Sheffield Honey Farm Leatherwood first claimed the

best honey award and then went on to win the champion Australian pantry-good trophy before being named best exhibit across all award classes and entries.

Mr Bourke, a master beekeeper, said his leatherwood honey was the reigning world champion honey.

"To receive this further award shows how good iconic Tasmanian honey is in the eyes of the world. It's exciting," Mr Bourke said.

"We couldn't be prouder of the product and our dedicated team of beekeepers who consistently produce high quality honey."

Australian Honey Products markets its honey under the labels Sheffield Honey Farm,

Cradle Mountain Honey and Taverner's.

The business has won awards for its meads and beers as well as its honey and has also won export awards.

The Australian Fine Food awards are conducted by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

The second edition of the annual awards was decided last week.

The awards aim to present producers, large and small, with the chance to benchmark their products and recognise food products and produce across eight major categories, including dairy, meat, poultry, seafood, fresh produce, grains and pulses, pantry goods and convenience foods.

## FORMATION OF AN AUSTRALIAN MANUKA HONEY ASSOCIATION

On Monday 18 September, 2017, a meeting was held in Melbourne of people interested in forming an Australian Manuka Honey Association. There were 24 people present.

A working group was formed to bring the Association into being.

There were four (4) main aims that it was decided would be the foundation of the Association.

1. product promotion
2. accuracy in labelling
3. protection of plant material and
4. fostering growth of the local industry.

There is the current issue of New Zealand trying to trade mark the name manuka which is also on the agenda for the new Association.

Anyone interested in joining the new Association can contact Paul Callander at [pc@manukalife.net.au](mailto:pc@manukalife.net.au)

## MANUKA

A very interesting opinion by Nural Cokcetin and Shona Blair published in The Conversation. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-15/manuka-honey-is-it-really-a-superfood-for-colds-and-infections/8949110>

A good summary of the facts and myths surrounding manuka. It is up to us to make sure the claims are correct as any incorrect claims will only damage manuka which would be a shame as it is such a good product when use correctly.

## AGM

Annual conferences for 2018, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

WA Farmers Federation – Beekeepers Section	4 May -
South Australian Apiarists Association	17 May -
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 May -
Victorian Apiarists Association	31 May – 1 June -
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	1 July – Gold Coast
New South Wales Apiarists Association	TBA
Queensland Beekeepers Association	TBA
Honey and Packers Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

<b>Application no.:</b>	109175
<b>Product name:</b>	AC Ferocity 100 EC Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	100 g/L alpha cypermethrin
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Axichem Pty Ltd
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	131 628 594
<b>Summary of use:</b>	For the control of pests in various cereals, grains, oil seeds, vegetables crops as well as tobacco, ornamentals, pome and stone fruit, pastures, grape vines and cotton in agricultural and plantation situations
<b>Date of registration:</b>	21 August 2017
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	83881
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	83881/109175
<b>Application no.:</b>	110324
<b>Product name:</b>	Smart Ace 100 Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	100 g/L alpha-cypermethrin
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Crop Smart Pty Ltd
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	093 927 961
<b>Summary of use:</b>	For the control of insect pests including heliothis (helicoverpa spp.) on various crops and red legged earth mite and blue oat mite on certain field crops and pastures and certain pests on fruit and vegetable crops in various agricultural situations
<b>Date of registration:</b>	22 August 2017
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	84410
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	84410/110324
<b>Application no.:</b>	111511
<b>Product name:</b>	Insectigone Max Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	25 g/L deltamethrin
<b>Applicant name:</b>	PCT Holdings Pty Ltd
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	099 023 962
<b>Summary of variation:</b>	To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'INSECTIGONE GOLD INSECTICIDE' to 'INSECTIGONE MAX INSECTICIDE'
<b>Date of variation:</b>	29 June 2017
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	81903
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	81903/111511
<b>Application no.:</b>	108251
<b>Product name:</b>	Transform Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	240 g/L sulfoxaflo
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Dow Agrosciences Australia Limited
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	003 771 659
<b>Summary of variation:</b>	To extend the use to avocado, macadamia and strawberry, and to include additional pests for citrus and pome fruit
<b>Date of variation:</b>	25 August 2017
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	64101
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	64101/108251
<b>Application no.:</b>	111379
<b>Product name:</b>	Relyon Kick 250CS Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Ruralco Holdings Limited
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	009 660 879
<b>Summary of use:</b>	For the control of insects in cotton, barley, wheat and field crops
<b>Date of registration:</b>	29 August 2017
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	84762
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	84762/111379

<b>Application no.:</b>	111741
<b>Product name:</b>	Starkle 200 SG Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	200 g/kg dinotefuran
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Agnova Technologies Pty Ltd
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	097 705 158
<b>Summary of variation:</b>	To amend critical comments for cotton by adding further advice regarding adequate spray coverage and application thresholds
<b>Date of variation:</b>	31 August 2017
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	69398
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	69398/111741

## **ALMONDS NEEDING LESS BEES**

A recent ABC Rural article talks of self-pollinating varieties of almonds and how they will need less numbers of bees to pollinate. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-18/more-nuts-with-fewer-bees-possible-through-almond/8958212>

I can see no real reduction in numbers of bee hives needed for pollination unless growers rip out the current varieties they are growing and replace with the new self-pollinating varieties. Will ripping out productive trees to replace with others be economically viable?

## **NEW APPOINTMENT AT AGRIFUTURES AUSTRALIA**

With Dave Alden retiring from AgriFutures Australia (formerly RIRDC) later this year Melanie Bradley has been appointed to take over as the Program Manager of the Honey Bee and Pollination Program. We welcome Melanie aboard.

More on Dave next newsletter.

## **BEES AND COTTON**

Are you heading off to work river red gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) this year?

At the time the river red gum will be flowering is most likely the time that growers will be looking to spray cotton. It is good to let the cotton growers know that you will be in the area so that they can look to use more bee friendly chemicals. There is nothing like having that one on one conversation with the grower.

Another thing to do is to put your location on BeeConnected. This way if a grower or sprayer wants to find out if there are bees in the area before spraying they can look up BeeConnected. This way the chances of having your bees sprayed diminishes.



## 2018 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry



**Grant applications are now open!** Applications are now open for the 2018 Science Awards. If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 (inc GST) to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue that will benefit Australia's primary industries.

**There's 11 industry Science Award categories on offer**, including cotton; dairy; established, new and emerging rural industries; fisheries and aquaculture; grains; health and biosecurity; meat and livestock; pork; red meat processing; viticulture and oenology; and wool.

### Meet two of our 11 Award partners - AgriFutures Australia and Wine Australia



**AgriFutures Australia** is the new trading name for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation. Our vision is to grow the long-term prosperity of Australian rural industries by investing in:

- Initiatives that attract capable people into careers in agriculture, build the capability of future rural leaders, and support change makers and thought leaders.
- Research and analysis to understand and address important issues on the horizon for Australian agriculture.
- Research and development for established industries that do not have their own Research and Development Corporation including the rice, chicken meat, honey bee and pollination, thoroughbred horse, pasture seeds, export fodder, ginger and tea tree oil industries.
- Research and development to accelerate the establishment and expansion of new rural industries, such as deer, buffalo, kangaroo and camel milk.

We invite applications from young people that will further our knowledge and understanding of innovations that could contribute to the growth and development of Australia's rural industries. Applications should align with the AgriFutures Australia Strategic R&D Plan 2017-2022, available at [www.agrifutures.com.au](http://www.agrifutures.com.au).

### Wine Australia for Australian Wine

Meet **Wine Australia**, with a vision for Australia to be recognised as the world's pre-eminent wine producer. Australian wine is authentic, exciting and bold – just like the people who create it. Wine Australia supports the Australian grape and wine community by investing in research, development and extension, encouraging growth in domestic and international markets and protecting the reputation of Australian wine. We are funded by grapegrowers and winemakers through levies and export charges, and by the Australian Government, which provides matching funding for R&D investments. Our support of the Science and Innovation Awards is one example of our commitment to the development of the next generation of researchers, experts and leaders who will help to drive the Australian grape and wine community's future. Applicants are encouraged to view the priorities and strategies outlined in our Strategic Plan 2015-2020 at <http://research.wineaustralia.com/>

## Hear from last year's Science Award winner Caitlin Byrt

Caitlin, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Adelaide's School of Agriculture, Food and Wine, received the GRDC supported Science and Innovation Award for her project on *Improving cereal yield stability under salt and water stress using traits for inducible root barriers*.

As Caitlin explains "There has already been a really exciting development – in collaboration with fellow GRDC-supported researchers, we have identified a key gene in barley that is influencing the amount of sodium that accumulates in the leaves in saline conditions. I'm now further testing the function of this gene, and collaborating with researchers in Scotland to look at the variation in this gene in a larger range of wild relatives of barley." Caitlin is mid-way through her 12 month research project.

**Interested in applying?** Visit the 2018 Science and Innovation Awards website for all the eligibility info, application form, meet the Awards partners plus details on the 11 award categories available.

**Applications close 5pm AEST Friday 13 October 2017**

**Questions?** Email [scienceawards@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:scienceawards@agriculture.gov.au) or phone 02 6272 2260 or 6272 2303.

**Share the grant news!** Forward this email to colleagues, students and others, or print and display on the noticeboards, meeting rooms or include in your own internal communications notices.



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